

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Decision on Appeal mailed 4/18/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/6/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

This communication is in response to the Decision by the Board filed on 04/18/08. Claims 1-21 are pending.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-21 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and in light of the Decision by the Board.

Independent claims 1, 8, 19 and 20 are directed to "providing over the computer network and to the customer an interactive schematic illustrating a plurality of component parts of the product with associated reference identifiers; receiving a selection from the interactive schematic of at least one of the component parts over the computer network".

The closest prior art of record, Uemura (2001/0027429) teaches system and method for ordering component parts for equipment. However, none of the prior art discloses or renders obvious the steps of "providing over the computer network and to the customer an interactive schematic illustrating a plurality of component parts of the product with associated reference identifiers"; and "receiving a selection from the interactive schematic of at least one of the component parts over the computer network" (as recited in claims 1, 8, 19 and 20).

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Furthermore, in the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on 04/18/08, the prior rejections of claims 1-21 are reversed. The reason for the reversal claims was, as noted by the Board at pages 4-5 and pages 8-9 of the decision mailed on 04/18/08, the examiner does not clearly and particularly point out how he has applied the reference in order to make a prima facie case showing of obviousness.

Claims 2-7, 9-18 and 21 incorporate the features of claims 1, 8, 19 and 20 through their dependencies, and are also allowed for the same reasons given above, and incorporated herein.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner's Comment

The drawings filed on 01/06/04 have been approved by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VANEL FRENEL whose telephone number is (571)272-6769. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571-272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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